

Full Fees List for Criminal Law

PUBLIC ACCESS FEES

A barrister may charge in any of the following ways (or a combination thereof):

1. A **fixed fee** for the entire case, advice or work required, as agreed with the client.
2. An **hourly rate**, as agreed with the client with an estimate of the number of hours that may be involved.
3. A **fixed fee** for each stage of work undertaken by the barrister.

VAT

We do not charge VAT upon any of our fees but please note a third party provider or/ and any disbursements may incur an additional VAT fee.

HOURLY RATE

Our hourly rate is **250 per hour**. This means for each hour you will be charged £250.

INITIAL CONSULTATIONS

Our initial consultation is at a **fixed fee of £350**. This consultation will last for 1 hour and 30 minutes and will be face to face unless agreed otherwise. Any further agreed consultations will be charged at an hours rate of £250.

Our fee includes:

- Attending to you over the phone/in person
- Reviewing documentation received by you
- Advising you on your options

Our fee does not include:

- Written representations or advocacy

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MOTORING OFFENCES (FIXED FEE)

Depending on the location and offence you will be charged a fee. We do not expect to do any work outside the terms of the fixed price quoted, however we will notify you if this changes and discuss with you how the additional work may be charged.

LETTER OF REPRESENTATION/MITIGATION

LETTER OF REPRESENTATION (1 -3 offences)- a **Fixed Fee from £450 - £850** per letter of representation.

LETTER OF MITIGATION (1 -3 offences) - a **Fixed Fee from £450 - £850** per letter of mitigation.

MAGISTRATES' HEARINGS

1ST APPEARANCE GUILTY PLEA (1 -3 offences) - a **Fixed Fee from £850 - £1450** per hearing including travel if in London.

SPECIAL REASONS TRIALS (1 -3 offences) - a **Fixed Fee from £850 - £1650** per hearing including travel if in London.

HARDSHIP APPLICATIONS (1 -3 offences) - a **Fixed Fee from £850 - £1650** per hearing including travel if in London.

CROWN COURT HEARINGS

MOTORING APPEAL AGAINST SENTENCE (1 -3 offences) - a **Fixed Fee from £1000 - £1500** per hearing including travel if in London.

MOTORING APPEAL AGAINST CONVICTION (1 -3 offences) - a **Fixed Fee from £1000 - £1800** per hearing including travel if in London.

WHAT DOES THE FEE INCLUDED (MOTORING OFFENCES)?

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LETTER OF MITIGATION (1 -3 offences) - a Fixed Fee from £450 - £850 per letter of mitigation.

Stages of process:

1. Review of charge summons and evidence, including providing advice
2. Draft letter of mitigation

Our fee includes:

1. Minimum of 1 hour preparation
2. Considering evidence
3. Providing advice in relation to plea and likely sentence
4. Written representation including advising on a decision

Our fee does not include:

1. Attending to you over the phone/in person
 2. Attendance at court
 3. Third party or experts fees

 4. Inquiries of witnesses/third parties
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1ST APPEARANCE GUILTY PLEA (1 -3 offences) - a Fixed Fee from £850 - £1450 per hearing including travel if in London.

If you accept you have committed a motoring offence, entering a guilty plea and putting forward a strong plea mitigation can sometimes give you the best outcome by minimising the penalty that could be imposed.

Stages of process:

The key stages of your matter are based on the presumption that you have entered a guilty plea and have a date for your hearing.

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4. We will conduct any further preparatory work, obtain further instructions from you if necessary and answer any follow up queries you have
5. We cannot provide a timescale of when your hearing will take place, as this depends on the court listing for that court
6. We will attend court on the day and meet with you before going before the court.
7. We anticipate being at court for half a day
8. We will discuss the outcome after the court hearing with you. If advice is required on appeal, this will carry an additional cost

Our fee includes:

1. Considering evidence
2. Providing advice in relation to plea and likely sentence
3. Full representation up to and including the sentencing hearing
4. Providing assistance in obtaining evidence and mitigating any penalties that the Court may impose
5. Where appropriate, advice on whether an exceptional hardship or special reasons argument should be made
6. Representation at single hearing for no more than half a day
7. Car parking/mileage or other travelling expenses

Our fee does not include:

1. Initial consultation and advice in person. This is at **an extra cost of £350** for the initial consultation.
2. Instruction of any expert witnesses
3. Taking statements from any witnesses
4. Advice and assistance in relation to a special reasons hearing
5. Advice or assistance in relation to any appeal
6. Representation in person at future hearings
7. Third party or experts fees
8. If the court of its own volition sees fit to adjourn your trial to another date, requiring us to reschedule date of attendance. Please note we will retain your fee and you will have to pay for the adjourned hearing date.

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9. Any work following the conclusion of your final hearing or appeal which would incur additional fees
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The fees for our service can vary depending on a number of factors including:

1. Additional time required
2. Contacting witnesses/third parties
3. Liaising with courts
4. If the trial runs over half a day
5. The location of the trial
6. Number of witnesses involved
7. Number of offences committed

Timescales:

Court proceedings will usually be issued within six months of the offence dates, however it can often take up to 12 months to proceed with a hearing.

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2. Considering evidence
3. Providing advice in relation to plea and likely sentence
4. Full representation up to and including the sentencing hearing for no more than half a day
5. Providing assistance in obtaining character reference evidence (you will need to obtain these reference but we can assist you as to what format they should be
6. written in and who they should be addressed to) and mitigating any penalties that the Court may impose
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6. Car parking/mileage or other travelling expenses

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POLICE STATIONS

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INTERVIEWS - a **Fixed Fee from £500** per interview including travel.
Also please note, you may be represented for free at the Police Station if you instruct a firm with a legal aid contract.

Our fee includes:

- Attending the police station
- Advising you on your options
- Being present in your interview

Our fee does not include:

- Written representations or advocacy at court
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TRIALS - a **Fixed Fee from £950** per hearing including travel.

SENTENCES - a **Fixed Fee from £650** per hearing including travel.

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COMMITTAL FOR SENTENCE - a **Fixed Fee from £750** per hearing including travel.

APPEAL TRIALS - a **Fixed Fee from £950** per hearing including travel.

FOR PTPH AND/OR TRIALS PLEASE CONTACT US FOR FEES AS IT DEPENDS UPON THE TYPE OF OFFENCE. PLEASE NOTE WE CAN BE INSTRUCTED BY SOLICITORS UPON LEGAL AID MATTERS.

GENERAL TIME SCALES

Initial Consultation involves an in-person conference with Ms Robinson, during which she take full instructions regarding your circumstances so that we can offer full advice regarding the options that are available to you. Fixed fee of £350 for a 1 hour and 30 minutes consultation.

Police Station Attendance

On average, this type of work takes between 2-5 hours to complete per attendance. The average costs are between £500-£2000 depending on the location of the police station.

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Magistrate Court

On average, this type of work takes between 15-50 hours to complete per matter. The average costs are between £350-£5000 depending on the complexity of the case.

Crown Court

On average, this type of work takes between 40-100 hours to complete per matter. The includes all attendances relating to magistrate court. The average costs are between £600-£500,000 depending on the complexity of the case.

Appeals

On average, this type of work takes between 5-15 hours to complete per application. The average costs are between £900-£10,000 depending on the complexity of the case.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE ABOUT OUR FEES

Fees also take into account the following:-

Court Hearings

The nature of the hearing;
Estimate of preparation time;
Estimate of time spent in court;
Complexity or novelty of case;
Number and importance of documents to be considered;
Any travel undertaken;
Seniority of counsel;
Lateness of instruction.

Written Work

Time taken, including preparation and research to complete the work;
Complexity of the case and issues at stake;
Urgency of the work;
Seniority of counsel;

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Skill, special knowledge and responsibility involved.

ALWAYS READ YOUR TERMS OF BUSINESS LETTER TO UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHAT YOU HAVE PAID FOR AND WHAT THE AGREEMENT IS BETWEEN YOU AN MS PRISCELLIA ROBINSON AND CHAMBERS.

AVAILABILITY

Please note in regards to all of the above, Ms Robinson may not be available to represent you as it depends upon her availability. Further, if subsequent work is needed on any matter not already agreed, there will be another letter of agreement between you and Chambers. This is because Ms Robinson carry out all her work personally and cannot predict what other professional responsibilities she may have in the future, She cannot at this stage confirm that she will be able to accept instructions for all subsequent work that may be required by your case.

MEANINGS

What does fixed fee mean?

We conduct all our work on an agreed fixed fee basis. There are no hourly rates and no hidden extras. At the outset, Ms Robinson will take time to understand your needs and agree both the scope of work and a timeframe for the work to be completed. Once she knows what you need and by when, she will offer you a range of fixed fees that will cover all of the work required. Her quote will assume that you will provide her with the necessary information to deliver the agreed scope of work within the agreed timeframe. In discussion with you we may charge additional fees if the scope of work or timeframe changes for reasons beyond her control.

What does "from" mean?

Our fees are highly competitive because, unlike many traditional barristers, we work directly with our clients, without the involvement of a solicitor. This means that our clients only need to pay for one lawyer rather than two. We also keep our overheads and fixed costs down by using electronic case-management systems and other technologies that ensure a streamlined service for our clients. Ms Robinson's hourly

rate is £250 per hour this could also be travelling time. "From," means the fee will start from £450 for example and not that the hourly rate will be £450.

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